

THE SAVOR OF TEACHINGS BROOKLYN TABERNACLE BIBLE STUDIES

THE GREATEST—THE SERVANT.

Matthew 20:17-34.—21.

"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many."

AMBITION moves the world—selfish ambition. A certain kind of ambition—to please God and to have his rewards, is encouraged by the exceeding great and precious promises of God's Word. Think of the promise held out to the consecrated, self-sacrificing followers of Jesus—that, if faithful unto death, they shall receive the "crown of life," immortality, and attain a place with their Master in his Throne—as participants in the glories and honors of his Kingdom! There is no earthly appeal to ambition so strong as this, which comes from the Creator to such as have the hearing ear of faith. Nevertheless, the ambitions awakened by these promises, we are warned, might become our snares. The very condition upon which we may attain the Kingdom is our faithful endurance of shame, contempt, misunderstanding, and our demonstration to the last of humility and absolute loyalty to God and full resignation to his providences. Whoever would reign with Messiah in his coming Kingdom, for which we pray, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as in heaven," must humble himself under the mighty hand of God that he may be exalted in due time.—1 Peter 5:6.

The prospect of the Kingdom was bright before the minds of the apostles, even when Jesus was foretelling his ignominious sufferings and death; so that two of his beloved followers, James and John, through their mother, implored a promise that they should sit, the one on the right hand and the other on the left hand of the Great King when his Kingdom should be established.

This request drew from the Great Teacher the suggestion that his loving and ambitious disciples had, perhaps, not fully counted the cost of such exaltation. He inquired if they were willing to drink of his cup of ignominy and reproach and if they were willing to be baptized with his baptism, into his death—the sacrifice of all earthly interests. They had counted the cost, and promptly responded as to their willingness. They had learned well the lessons of the Great Teacher. He assured them that with this willingness of mind the privilege would be theirs of sharing his ignominy and his death and of sitting with him on his Throne. But as respects the chief positions, they were not at his disposal. At the conclusion of the testings of his people, those positions of highest honor in the Kingdom next to himself will be given according to the just standards which the Father has prepared and established. How we can rejoice with those apostles in the fullness of their consecration and in the assurances of the Master! And we also should strive by faithfulness to attain a place with the Master in his Throne, as members of his Body, the Church.

The ambition of James and John was shown in their desire for places of special nearness to the Lord. Jesus did not reprove them specifically, but indirectly. When the other ten heard how these two had sought to bespeak the chief places of honor they were indignant. The Master took advantage of the incident to show how different is God's judgment from that of men. With men the aggressive and powerful hold the lordship and dominion over others, but in the Divine arrangement the order is reversed. God will honor most and put in the highest positions, the humble, the submissive, the meek. On this incident the Lord based a general instruction to his followers on the necessity for humility. We are to take the Divine standpoint and honor most in the Church those who most serve the Church, and not those who demand service and honors and seek self-exaltation. Our Lord pointed to his own course as an illustration: they acknowledged him as their Master and yet no one served them so much as did he. Indeed, he came into the world not to be served, but to serve others, even to the extent of laying down his life as the ransom price for the many, for the world, to be applied for their release from sin and death condemnation in God's due time—during the Messianic Kingdom.

Journeying on the Master had an opportunity of exemplifying his position as a servant. Two blind men, learning that he was passing, exercised such faith that they hailed him as the Messiah, the Son of David, entreating Mercy, Help, Relief. Instead of passing them by, saying, "You are only blind beggars, anyway, the Master stopped and called them to him and, in response to their request, touched their eyes, and immediately they received sight. Other Scriptures indicate that the Great Teacher's miracles were not performed without cost to himself. "Virtue (vitality) went out of him and healed them all." (Luke 6:19.)

He who was rich, for our sakes became poor, humbling himself to serve the humblest and poorest unfortunates! Here we have an illustration of the spirit of meekness, the spirit of service, which must characterize the hearts, and, in some degree, control the lives of all true followers, disciples, of the Great Teacher. If it is not in our power to open the eyes of the physically blind, it is in our power to help many to a clearer insight into the things of God which the natural eye hath not seen, nor ear heard—the things which God hath in reservation for them that love him and that, loving him, follow in the footsteps of Jesus.—(1 Cor. 2:9). Let us, then, seek the true, God-given ambition; but let us specially seek to know and to do the will of our Father in heaven.

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Clerk's Sale.
State of South Carolina,
County of Pickens.
In Common Pleas Court.
W. D. Edens, Plaintiff,
vs.
A. J. Manley and J. A. Gosnell,
Defendants.

In pursuance of a decretal order made on the 29th of September, A. D., 1910, and on file in the Clerk's office for Pickens county, I will sell before the court house door at Pickens, S. C., during the legal hours for sale on sale day in November, 1910:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the county of Pickens, in the state aforesaid, containing seventy-four and three-fourths (74 3/4) acres (less the four and three-fourths acres which was conveyed by A. J. Manley to A. B. Cantrell) and bounded by lands of A. B. Cantrell, Major Annibler, A. A. Jones, Joe Stansell, Joe Gilliland and Jonah Simmons, it being the same tract of land deeded to the said A. J. Manley by W. D. Edens on the same date that the mortgage was executed, which deed is recorded in the Register of Mense Conveyance office for Pickens county, South Carolina.

Terms of sale, to wit: One-half cash on day of sale, the credit portion to be payable in one year from day of sale and to be secured by bond of the purchaser and mortgage of the premises sold, with leave to the purchasers to pay all cash or to anticipate payment at any time, the credit portion to bear interest at eight per cent.

Purchaser or purchasers to pay for all papers and for recording the same.

Terms of sale must be complied with within one hour or the premises will be resold at the risk of the former purchaser.
A. J. Boggs,
Clerk of Court.

Clerk's Sale.
State of South Carolina,
Pickens County.
In Court of Common Pleas.
J. T. Baily, et. al., Pliffs.
vs.
E. A. Lindsay, et. al., Defts.

In pursuance of a decretal order made on the 27th day of September 1910, by Ernest Gary presiding judge, and on file in the Clerk's office of Pickens County, I will sell before the Court House door at Pickens, South Carolina, during the legal hours for sale on sale day in November, 1910.

All that lot of land in the town of Central, Pickens county, South Carolina, known in the plat of said town as lot No. 10, bounded on the north now or formerly by lands of James Hunter & Sons, east by lot of James Taylor, west by lot of H. C. Shirley and south by Railroad street containing one-fourth of an acre more or less.

Also all that other lot in the town of Central county and state aforesaid containing one-half acre and thirty Rods more or less, bounded east by J. H. Gaines, north by street, west by lot of the estate S. W. Clayton, and south by lots of C. B. Smith J. W. Brock and others.

Terms of sale cash. Purchaser or purchasers must comply with terms of sale immediately or the lands will be resold at the risk of former purchaser. Purchaser to pay for all papers and the recording of the same.

A. J. Boggs,
Clerk of Court.

Clerk's Sale.
State of South Carolina,
County of Pickens.
In court of Common Pleas.
Thomas E. Porter, et. al., Pliffs.
vs.
Della Porter et. al., Defts.

In pursuance of a decretal order made on the 27th day of September 1910 by Ernest Gary presiding judge and on file in the Clerk's office of Pickens county, I will sell before the Court House door at Pickens, South Carolina during the legal hours for sale on sale day in November 1910, the following tracts of land to wit:

Tract No. 1. Containing 853-4 acres more or less as shown by plat of survey made by E. C. Edens Surveyor on the 21st day of August 1910 adjoining lands of Arthur Porter, Dr. Cannon and tract No. 2 of the Porter estate.

Tract No. 2. Containing 384 acres more or less as shown by plat of survey made by E. C. Edens surveyor on the 21st day of August 1910, adjoining lands of Wade Chastain, James Porter, and tract No. 1 and 3 of the Porter estate.

Tract No. 3. Containing 604 acres more or less as shown by plat of survey made by E. C. Edens surveyor on the 21st day of August 1910, adjoining lands Wade Chastain, Johnson James Porter and tract No. 2 of the Porter estate, these tracts of land being all the land owned by J. F. Porter, deceased, at the time of his death, except a very small lot near Porters Chapel church which he had donated to said church which does not pass under this sale.

Terms of sale to wit: One-third cash on day of sale, the balance in one and two years from day of sale in equal installments, the credit portion to bear interest at 8 per cent per annum and to be secured by a bond of the purchaser and mortgage of the premises sold with the privilege to the purchaser or purchasers to anticipate payment or to pay all cash on day of sale. Purchaser or purchasers to pay for all papers and recording the same. Terms of sale must be complied with in one hour or the premises will be resold at the risk of former purchaser or purchasers.
A. J. Boggs,
Clerk of Court.

Clerk's Sale.
State of South Carolina,
County of Pickens.
In Common Pleas Court.
Edwin Earle, Plaintiff,
vs.
J. I. Vickery, et. al., Defts.

In pursuance of a decretal order made on the 29th day of September by Ernest Gary, presiding judge, and on file in the Clerk's office for Pickens county I will sell before the Court House door at Pickens, South Carolina, during the legal hours for sale on sale day in November 1910, all that piece, parcel or tract of land situate lying and being in the county and state aforesaid on the south side of Cedar Creek waters of Keowee River adjoining lands of J. P. Carey, Robt. Stewart, D. B. Murphree and others, containing 65 acres more or less.

Being the tract of land conveyed to J. H. Vickery the 21st day of January, 1907, by C. H. Billingsley.

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